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1. Msgr. Gennaro Verolini, former assistant to Msgr. Rotta, Papal Nuncio in Hungary, who was sent as an observer to Prague, returned to Rome and disclosed that the position of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Churches is strong in the Carpatho-Ukraine despite strong pressure from the Soviets.
2. Msgr. Romza was appointed administrator of the Carpatho-Ukraine by the Pope shortly before the Russian occupation. He succeeded in resisting the conversion of Catholics to Orthodoxy which the Russians attempted to force. The Orthodox priests under Soviet influence forced the illiterates to sign statements of adherence to the Moscow Church. The Catholic clergy without exception remained faithful to Rome.

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